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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTS REDUCTION IN U.S. DIPLOMATIC
PERSONNEL

1. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED FOLLOWING CIRCULAR
DIPLOMATIC NOTE M/3 (12/1/6) FROM SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
CONCERNING USE OF TITLE ASSISTANT ATTACHE:

"MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN DAMASCUS AND HAS HONOR
TO DRAG TO THEIR ATTENTION THAT SOME MISSIONS HAVE
BEGUN TO GO TO EXCESS OF GRANTING TITLE OF ASSISTANT
ATTACHE TO THEIR DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH
MINISTRY HAS IN PAST TOLERATED THIS TITLE, DESPITE
ABSENCE OF ANY LEGAL BASIS FOR IT, IT REGRETFULLY
FINDS ITSELF OBLIGED TO INFORM DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
THAT HENCEFORTH IT WILL REFUSE SUCH TITLE. THOSE WHO
BEAR IT WILL NO LONGER BE LISTED IN THE DIPLOMATIC
LIST SINCE LOWEST RANK IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS,
AS IS WELL-KNOWN AND INTERNATIONALLY APPLIED, IS THAT
OF ATTACHE. WITH RESPECT TO DIPLOMATS NOW HOLDING
TITLE OF ASSISTANT ATTACHE, MINISTRY REQUESTS
THEM TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION DURING NEXT SIX
MONTHS BY ACQUIRING TITLE OF ATTACHE AND HAVING TITLE
CONFIRMED IN THEIR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS BY THEIR
COMPETENT MINISTRIES. UNLESS THIS IS DONE, MINISTRY WILL
BE COMPELLED TO REMOVE THEIR NAMES FROM
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DIPLOMATIC LIST WHICH WILL BE ISSUED IN MID-1976

AND TO WITHDRAW THEIR DIPLOMATIC IDENTITY CARDS."

2. CIRCULAR NOTE IS DATED JAN 12, SAME DATE AS
AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (REFTEL).
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